

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781  
December 19, 2022

REGULAR MEETING  
Media Center  
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School  
300 E. Holcomb Street, Athens  
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Call to order, Mr. Dennis Stanton presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. Membership count to determine if a quorum presence:

Present: Brunner: X Harvey: X Stanton, D: X  
Knowles: X Stanton, J: X McClure: X T. Loew: X

A quorum X is, \_\_\_ is not present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

2. Approval of Agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.  
Second: Mr. Jason Stanton. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.  
Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Public Comments.

- *None.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. New Board Members

- *New board members – Jeff Penick (January start), Teri Loew (December start), Hilary Setlack (January start)*
- *Re-elected incumbents – John Knowles and Mike Harvey*

B. Pixellot Camera System

- *Camera in HS gym and over football field/track complex.*
- *Give then our athletic schedules – will stream our athletic events for each season (small cost for viewer)*

C. Talent Together Program

- *ISD – created program to try to address the teacher shortage crisis (Michigan specific program)*
- *See attached presentation for Talent Together Program.*

## 5. Routine Matters.

## A. Presentation of Minutes of Prior Meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.

Second: Mr. Mike Harvey. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

## B. Presentation of Financial Statements.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending November 30, 2022.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.

Second: Mr. John Knowles. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 6. Reports.

## A. Board President.

- *Shared thanks to incoming board members and thanked all for their service.*

## B. Construction Update.

- *Training for volunteers helping with asbestos removal at former MS building.*
- *Provided updates on construction/demolition work at former MS building.*

## C. Superintendent

- *See attached report.*
- *Working on refund process for chrome books.*
- *Shared optimistic update re: potential future fiber optic cable to connect elementary to HS.*

## D. High School Principal

- *See attached report.*
- *Halo sensors (for vaping, smoking, ect.) now in place at HS. Will eventually work in coordination with camera system.*
- *December 13<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive was a success. Met the quota for scholarships.*

E. Elementary Principal

- See attached report
- Gave update on positive behavior system (STARS students) at elementary.
- Entire elementary went to Brass Band of Battle Creek concert on 12/2/22.

F. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.

- See attached report.
- See attached graphs of '21-'22 state assessment results.

G. Athletic Director

- See attached report.
- HS gym floor to be sanded and coated over winter break.
- Digital ticket option at home games (\$1 charge to customer per ticket).

7. Action Items.

A. Pixellot Camera System

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to enter in a contract with Pixellot Camera System to be able to broadcast high school events in the gym and on the football field.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.  
 Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Public Comment.

- Kristin Loew – Thanked CACC education academy for donating games to Jr/Sr High School classrooms.
- Lucy Knowles – Update regarding potential farmer interested in purchasing land near school.

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. Dennis Stanton.  
 Second: Mr. John Knowles. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of adjournment: 8:26 PM.

Minutes signed by: Jeri S Loew, <sup>acting</sup> Secretary of the Board of Education  
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Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

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